Digital Library Policy

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Legal, Economical, and Social Aspects
Outline

- Intellectual property rights
  - Copyright
  - Public domain
  - Open source

- Economics of the (digital) library

- Social Policy with respect to the DL
Jerome’s translation of the Bible

- Perhaps the first copyright dispute
- In 521, the Irish missionary Columba secretly copied a very treasured translation of the Bible. When his master Finnian found out, he demanded that Columba turn over the copy. Columba refused and the matter went to the High King of Ireland, Diarmit.

- What do you guess the ruling was?
- Diarmit ruled “To every cow her calf, to every book its transcript”. Columba lost his case.

Lerner, *The story of libraries*, p. 41
Copyright

- Copyright grants exclusive rights to the creator of a work.
- Once the copyright term is over, the work enters the public domain and can be used freely by anyone.
- Copyrights may be licensed from an individual to another body.

Two worlds: digital and print media

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<td>Fair Use/Dealing – for individual purposes or research</td>
<td>No fair use/dealing – “any digital transmission” is considered copying.</td>
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<td>o Fair use was first introduced as an “exception” to copyright</td>
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<td>o Backup copies are not counted as copyright infringement</td>
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<td>o That means by viewing the web page you have copied it.</td>
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<td>o So how is this problem resolved in copyright law?</td>
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Access Policy

- We have been mostly concentrating on making the distribution of materials as easy and quick as possible.
- But that’s not always the case.

Chained library of Hereford Cathedral, England. Image used by permission. Circulate This!
Restricting Access in DLs

- **Technical**
  - Cryptolope
  - Steganography / Document watermarking
  - Hardware solutions

- **Legislation**
  - Digital Millennium Copyright Act (US)
    - Illegal to undo copy protection except for archiving (also in S’pore law)
    - ISP must take down infringing material

- **No copy protection**
  - Better than it may seem

These can be coupled with the Warwick Framework for protecting metadata
Public Domain

- Happens when
  1. Copyright expires
  2. Author didn’t copyright their work (but authors often need not put copyright notice)
  3. (typically) Is the work of a government agency

- Copyleft – legal methods to ensure users can use, modify, redistribute the work and any derived versions.
  - The GNU General Public License (GPL) requires that a program that uses portions of GPL'ed source code must also be licensed under the GPL.
  - Example: Linux!
Open Source Licensing

All open source licenses:

- Allow free redistribution
- Make the source code available
- Allow derived works (modify the code and offer a “new” program)
- Must not discriminate against persons, groups, or fields of endeavor
- Must not be product specific

- **MIT License** which grants unrestricted rights to copy, modify, and redistribute as long as the original copyright and license terms are retained.
- **BSD License** requires acknowledgements to be made in advertisements and documentation.
- The **Artistic License** allows unrestricted rights to copy, use, and locally modify. It allows the redistribution of modified binary programs, but restricts distribution of modified sources.
- The **GNU Lesser General Public License** (LGPL) removes the restriction the derivations must also be licensed under GPL.
Take a quick break: a survey

- How much do you value your library?

- Take a guess! →

- Here’s are some ways to do it.
  - What’s the cost of buying the sources yourself?
  - What’s the opportunity cost if you didn’t have access to the information?
A cost model for libraries

- Griffiths & King (93): corporate employees
  - Found that US companies spent about $400-1K per capita on libraries.
  - Reported about 3:1 return on investment

- With library:
  - $515 Library subscription cost
  - $95 Library

- No library:
  - $3300 Cost to access individual materials

  - These cost only includes buying material, not administrative time in acquiring them.
  - So actual savings is higher.
A brief history of the economics of information

- **Ancient Era**
  - Public – for religious conversion
  - Private – for knowledge and prestige

- The copying of the Bible by monks in the dark ages
  - To educate them
  - To spread religion
Gutenberg printing press

- Johann Gutenberg (c. 1397-1468):
  - Neither the inventor of moveable type nor printing
  - Paired a wine press with moveable type

- Transformed Europe’s spread of information
  - First publication was the Bible
    - Speed allowed mass production and cheaper pricing
The dichotomy today

- Public – for religious conversion
government clearinghouse
  Make sure the public has:
  - Access to the information
  - Gets authoritative information

- Private – for knowledge and prestige
  business and entertainment
Economics of scholarly media

Will the automated library as we know it survive?

Libraries have less budget to purchase books

As the libraries buy less books, publishers need to raise prices to stay afloat
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Volume of information published every year grows

But libraries have a fixed budget to purchase materials
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<td>First sale right – you buy it, you can do anything with it (e.g., resell)</td>
<td>Not applicable.</td>
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<td>○ How to enforce restricted access to only those who paid?</td>
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<td>Have to be in the same place as material</td>
<td>No restrictions</td>
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<td>Zero sum distribution (I borrowed it; so you can’t)</td>
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Models for digital economies

- Subscription fees
  - Per month, per year
- Connection time fee
  - Per minute (e.g., Mead Data Central)
- Advertising
  - By an interested party
  - Other economic models apply here
- Access fee
  - Per download, may not have profile to remember that you accessed this resource before
- Per-byte fee
  - Typical of connection services (e.g., Broadband)
Cost structuring

Movie distribution as a possible model
(Lesk, p. 206)

Price

Hot

“The Freshness”

Stale

Theaters

Pay per view cable

Video rentals

Broadcast / Cable

Cull demand at different price points.

Does / will this work for digital libraries in general?
Access versus ownership

- With DL materials we can’t really track ownership, just access

- Trend towards microanalysis
  - Publisher: better targeted marketing
  - Library: better profile of user community
Crisis for publishers

○ Ease of publication allows more information to be free
  ● And for people to break copyright (perhaps accidentally)

○ Ease of accessing (free) information deters users from accessing more cumbersome-to-use sources

○ Traditional functions of publishers are taken on by free services
  ● Free e-journals do rigorous peer review
  ● Search engines act as distributor
Self-archiving

- To deposit a digital document in a publicly accessible website.
  - Preprint: before copyright restrictions have been signed
  - Not a true publication*: hasn’t been peer-reviewed, not in prestigious publication.
  - Detractors: accessibility will hurt future revenues of the journal
    - Perhaps 60-80% of a publisher’s budget doesn’t go towards the direct publication costs

* Debatable, others say it is published
E-prints as a self-archiving model

- Differing acceptance from different fields
  - Physics: accept only if concurrently preprinted
  - Medicine, Business: accept only if not preprinted

- E-journal model: who assumes the cost?
  - Authoring a text
  - Peer review
  - Marketing
  - Editor
  - Publication
Legal Deposit

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| Title IIC gives a copy of every book to the Library of Congress | No legal deposit  
  o How to archive the materials of the web?  
  o Search engine only covers about 16% of the visible web. |

If there’s no legal deposit for digital information, how do we archive and preserve website information?
• Especially since search engines only index 16% of the web?
Internet Archive and Bookmobile

Internet Archive
http://www.archive.org

An archive of the www

“The goal of universal access to our cultural heritage is within our grasp.”

Are these examples of legal deposit? Who funds this initiative?

Internet Bookmobile

- Prints out of copyright books for reading
- Over 1m books
- $1 USD per book printed

- Image from Brewster Kahle’s LoC presentation
Preservation

○ Y2K – two digits to mean four
  ● If you knew COBOL, you could get a high paid job.
  ● Legacy systems and knowledge need to be preserved

○ Use standard formats!

○ Media lifetime
  ● Tape  15 years
  ● CDR  10-50 years
  ● HD   30 years

○ Software/Hardware lifetime
  ● New hardware 3-7 years
  ● Software cycles faster
  ● How to access old files, applications?
The Digital Divide

- A case of the rich getting richer?

The rich buy access to latest computing resources

New resources allow its users to become more wealthy
The Digital Divide

- A case of the rich getting richer?

The poor cannot afford the latest resources

Those without best resources have less chance to gain economically
Undoing the Divide

- Can use access rights to impose an unequal payment scheme

  - Blackwell’s – all 600 journals made free to the Russian Federation.
  - JSTOR – cost to access its DL depends on the size of the organization.
  - Open source movement – make software available to anyone

JSTOR scans and archives past issues of selected journals

- Keeps a moving wall for many publishers to let them produce maximal revenue
- To think about: as an archive repository, what format do you think it keeps its collection in?
Libraries of the Future

- Immediate, random-access to recent knowledge
- May not understand foundation material
- More effort in selection of materials
- Publisher models changing, unifying
- International policy becoming more prominent
- Customized books as the future?
To think about…

- How does the economics of libraries and the information explosion influence publication rates? What about as we make the transition to the digital library?

- Do you think self-archiving and e-journal venues pose a threat to the journal publisher?

- As a single site, the Internet Archives, cannot keep track of all web pages on the web
  - Can you think of a better solution?
  - How would you go about designing a national web page archive for Singapore?
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Tea break!

- See ya!
Identifiers

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*Partially based on William Arms presentation at Cornell University
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You see this everyday...

**The page cannot be found**

The page you are looking for might have been removed, had its name changed, or is temporarily unavailable.

Please try the following:

- If you typed the page address in the Address bar, make sure that it is spelled correctly.
- Open the [www](http://www) home page, and then look for links to the information you want.
- Click the [Back](http://www) button to try another link.
- Click [Search](http://www) to look for information on the Internet.

HTTP 404 - File not found
Internet Explorer

What’s the solution?

What’s the 404 for anyways?
- 4xx – Error codes for web servers
- 404 – File not found or permission errors
Desirable Properties of Identifiers

- Location independent name
- Globally unique
- Persistent across time
- Choice of human generated or automatic generation
- Fast resolution
- Decentralized administration
- Supported from standard user interfaces
Identifier systems

We’ll look at several different systems today

- URN
- PURL
- DOI
- OpenURL
Uniform Resource Names (URN)

- Globally unique, persistent, and accessible over the network
  - Persistence: That is, the URN will be globally unique forever.
  - Scalability: URNs can be assigned to any resource
  - Legacy / Extensible: Backward and forward compatible

Some Examples:

- urn:hdl:cnri.dlib/august95
- urn:lifn:some.domain:anything-goes-here
- urn:path:/A/B/C/doc.html
- urn:inet:library.bigstate.edu:aj17-mcc

**Scheme**    **Parameters**

*In summary*: A meta-identifier protocol. Leaves implementation open.
Persistent URLs

http://purl.org/
- PURL is a normal URL
- Implement a layer of *indirection*
- Uses standard HTTP *redirect*
- Simple model

![Diagram of PURL architecture]

Client

PURL

Resolved URL

Document

PURL Server

Resource Server
More details on PURL

- Partial redirection

- A PURL with no associated indirection causes the PURL resolver to generate a history page

- Private and universal indirection with access control
**PUURL Issues**

- Places the burden of resolution on the manager of information
- PURL resolvers don’t know about each other: federated, no centralized registry
- If URL goes down, doesn’t force or notify maintainer
- Doesn’t guarantee that document will be available, indirection can lead to a 404
### Examples of DOIs

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<tr>
<td>10.1048</td>
<td>872</td>
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<td>10.156</td>
<td>catalog-96</td>
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<td>10.1532</td>
<td>PII</td>
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<td>10.18698</td>
<td>SICI</td>
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Hierarchy of Naming Authorities

Globally registered:
- loc
- 10
- cornell

Locally registered:
- loc.cords
- 10.1234
- cornell.temp
- cornell.cs
- cornell.cs.d
Address Rules

The Global Handle Service stores:
- a record for each naming authority
- a record for each local handle service

The record for each naming authority includes:
- the home handle service for that naming authority

For each handle, the home handle service stores:
- the handle record
Multiple Resolution

- Leave the resolution up to the client
- Return all DOI data to the client

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<td>URL</td>
<td><a href="http://www.cnri/xyz">http://www.cnri/xyz</a></td>
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<td>RAP</td>
<td>merlin.dlib.org</td>
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<td>CORBA</td>
<td>orb:#cornell[]norb</td>
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DOIs in action
Flexibility

Every publisher can have a different system.
The publisher can create a new system.
Change of Publisher

User

DOI

Halfmoon

Millenium

Handle System
Citation

User 1

DOI

Publisher

User 2

DOI

Handle System
Catalogs and Indices
Multiple Copies

User

DOI

Halfmoon Europe

Halfmoon USA

Handle System
The General Model

Publisher

Reference database

Citation

Identifiers

Location database

Identifier

URLs

Content

URL

Content

Publisher places information in databases

Client
DOI Summary

- Uses multiple levels of indirection
- More robust than PURL
- But also more complicated, relies on central authority
- Supported by consortium of publishers (big and small)
OpenURL

○ A identifier system that takes user’s context into account
○ Created to solve the *appropriate copy problem*

User @ NUS

“Here’s a interesting research paper” Sends DL link with auth information.

Document

“Rats, URL doesn’t work for me” Has to work to get her appropriate copy

Collaborator @ Tsinghua
Different providers use different URL and points of access to the data

| TI | Intraventricular concentration times time (C x T) methotrexate and cytarabine for patients with recurrent meningeal leukemia and lymphoma. |
| AU | Moser-AM, Adamson-PC; Gillespie-AJ, Poplack-DG, Balis-FM |
| AD | Pediatric Oncology Branch, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, USA |
| ISSN | 0008-543X |
| PY | 1999 |
| LA | ENGLISH |
| CP | UNITED STATES |
| MINE | Adolescence-, Adult-, Antimetabolites-, Antineoplastic- administration-and-dosage; Antimetabolites-, Antineoplastic- adverse-effects; Antineoplastic-Agents-, Combined-adverse-effects; Child-; Child-, Preschool; Cytarabine- administration-and-dosage; Cytarabine- adverse-effects; Injections-, Intraventricular; Methotrexate- administration-and-dosage; Methotrexate- adverse-effects; Recurrence-; Remission-Induction; Treatment-Outcome |
| MJME | *Antineoplastic-Agents-, Combined-therapeutic-use; *Burkitt-Lymphoma- drug-therapy; *Leukemia-, Lymphocytic-, Acute- drug-therapy; *Meningeal-Neoplasms- drug-therapy |
| TG | Female; Human; Male |
| PT | JOURNAL-ARTICLE |
| RN | 0; 0; 147-94-4; 59-05-2 |
| NM | Antimetabolites-, Antineoplastic; Antineoplastic-Agents-, Combined; Cytarabine; Methotrexate |
Indirection in OpenURL

- Dissociate document from vendor-, library-specific provisions
- OpenURL lists access metadata only
**Input: OpenURL Example**

*Moll JR, Olive & M, Vinson C. Attractive interhelical electrostatic interactions in the proline- and acidic-rich region (PAR) leucine zipper subfamily preclude heterodimerization with other basic leucine zipper subfamilies. J Biol Chem. 2000 Nov 3; 275(44):34826-32. doi:10.1074/jbc.M004545200*

http://sfx1.exlibris-usa.com/demo?


- **Legend:**
  - red - BASE-URL of service component
  - blue - identifier of the resource where the user clicks the OpenURL, added by publisher’s rewrite
  - grey - metadata and identifiers

- DOI can be used to resolve the actual content
OpenURL Issues

- Service component gets metadata query information
  - Access and use information goes to library, not to publisher
- Not just user-to-user, but for generalized *dynamic* linking
  - Web page to journal article full-text
  - Abstract to library catalog collection
Summary

- **PURLs**
  - Good for small, local solutions
  - Single level indirection

- **DOI**
  - Multiple, hierarchical layers of indirection
  - Purpose:
    - Actionable identifiers to content
    - Resolution to multiple items of current state data
      - Notably including location(s) and metadata

- **OpenURL**
  - Purpose: solves appropriate copy problem
  - Selects between multiple items returned by DOI
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- URN: http://www.w3.org/Addressing/
- PURL: http://www.purl.org/
- DOI: http://www.doi.org/
- openURL: http://www.sfxit.com/open/index.html